GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1867
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2016
Centres of Examination for Blind Candidates
Arunmozhithevan Shri A.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the centres for recently conducted examination to the post of Group-D in the Railways were kept far away from the residence of blind candidates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that due to this grave mistake, many blind candidates could not attend the test;

(d) if so, whether the railways is considering to conduct re-examination for those blind candidates by allotting place near to their hometown; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1867 BY SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2016 REGARDING CENTRES OF EXAMINATION FOR BLIND CANDIDATES.

(a) & (b) : Sitting plan for the said examination involving 1,93,924 candidates was arranged in 247 centres in 138 cities all over India. In these arrangements, efforts were made to ensure that the visually challenged candidates were allotted centres nearer to their place of residence. In some cases, candidates approached the railways explaining problems with their centres and their requests for change of centre were accepted.
(c) to (e) : No, Madam. Overall 66.18% candidates appeared in the test, which is significant participation and as such Railways are not contemplating re-examination.
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